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SUBJECT: SPLIT IN UNITED MUSLIM LEAGUE FORMALIZED

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1. ON MARCH 11, ZAHID SARFARAZ, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MUSLIM LEAGUE (UML), HELD CONVENTION OF LEAGUE WORKERS IN LAHORE TO FORMALIZE PARTY SPLIT WHICH HE THREATENED MARCH 6 (REFTEL). SARFARAZ' S RUMP CONVENTION, WHICH REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY SOME 600 RANK AND FILE MEMBERS AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FAILURE, VOTED NO CONFIDENCE IN UML CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND RESOLVED THAT IT BE DISSOLVED. IT ALSO ELECTED TEMPORARY OFFICE BEARERS HEADED BY SARFARAZ AS PRESIDENT.

2. CONVENTION FORMED 72 MAN CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, HALF FROM WEST AND HALF FROM EAST PAKISTAN (SIC), AND DIRECTED COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ALL ORGANIZATIONAL WORK BY AUGUST 14, 1973, WHEN PERMANENT OFFICE BEARERS WOULD BE ELECTED. NEW PARTY NAMED PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE (SARFARAZ GROUP).

3. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF UML COUNTERED SAME DAY WITH
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HASTILY CALLED MEETING IN LAHORE. CC EXPELLED SARFARAZ AND IQBAL AHMED KHAN FROM UML FOR DISRUPTING PARTY' S UNITY " AT BEHEST OF INTERESTED QUARTERS" AND DESCRIBED SARFARAZ' S CONVENTION AS SHAM ATTENDED BY HIRED PERSONS.

4. COMMENT: AND SO, MUSLIM LEAGUE UNITY EFFORTS ONCE AGAIN FALTER AND ONCE- PROUD PARTY OF FOUNDING FATHERS DEGENERATES FURTHER INTO COLLECTION OF BICKERING SPLINTER GROUPS WITH NO RPT NO REAL FOLLOWING, NO PROGRAM ATTUNED TO TIMES, AND, WE SUSPECT, NOT MUCH FUTURE. NEW PARTY HAS NO LEADER OF NATIONAL STATURE AND, UNLESS IT VERY HEAVILY FINANCED FROM SOURCE NOT NOW APPARENT, WE EXPECT NO EFFECTIVE ACTION FROM IT. DECONTROL DEC 31, 1975
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